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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Klaus HÜNLICH

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Group Art Unit: 2664

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Examiner: MEW, KEVIN D

For: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A ROUTE VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On page 3 of the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner sets forth his reasons for allowing the application. However, there are discrepancies between the Examiner's reasons and the limitations of the independent claims. For example, the Examiner characterizes the invention as establishing a route in an ATM-LAN network. The claims are not limited to an ATM-LAN network.

The Reasons for Allowance appear to be an attempt to briefly summarize the limitations of each of the independent claims. Clearly, this is a difficult task. It is believed that the discrepancies between the reasons for allowance and the limitations of the independent claims are reflection of the difficulty of the task, not an indication of a misunderstanding on the part of the Examiner. It is believed that the Examiner understands the limitations of the independent claims and has allowed the application for the appropriate reasons. Clearly, the scope of the claims is defined by the language thereof, but not by any statements in the Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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